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## Nicaraguan vote...

### Election results influenced by U.S.?

By David Holbrook  
Staff Writer

Sunday's surprise victory by Violeta Chamorro was not a rejection of the Sandinista government, but was instead a political compromise made by Nicaraguan voters, said history professor Manzar Foroohar.

She said the voters felt the only way to end the civil and economic tumult in their country was to install a government favorable to the United States.

Foroohar, who returned from Nicaragua on Monday after spending 10 days in the country, said that while the elections were free, they were not fair. People voted the way they wanted — secretly and without intimidation — but the burdens faced daily by Nicaraguans because of U.S. policy has created conditions that left the tiny nation's inhabitants with little recourse but to vote for the National Opposition Union, UNO, she said.

"The election happened in a country that has been going through a war for the past nine years," said Foroohar to an audience in the faculty dining room Wednesday. "Thirty-thousand people have been killed in this war. The economy is in a total shambles because of the economic blockades the U.S. has put on Nicaragua. Most people are hungry."

These conditions create a political atmosphere where people vote not according to their ideology, but for their own and their family's physical well-being, said Foroohar. The election of the U.S.-funded UNO party was an attempt by Nicaraguans to improve relations with the United States, which in

turn will help revive the war-torn nation's economy.

"I have very good friends who are in the army, who fought for the Sandinistas during the war, who are militants of the Sandinistas and who voted for UNO," she said. "They resigned to the fact that Nicaragua can't go through another six years and survive the war or the economic blockade. Especially after the invasion of Panama, the people were scared like crazy."

Chamorro's campaign strategy was clearly formulated with these sentiments of the Nicaraguan people in mind, Foroohar said. UNO presented itself as the alternative to war and economic hardship, since their election would mean reconciliation with the United States.

"The major campaign platform of UNO was that conditions would last if the Sandinistas stayed in power because of the U.S. opposition to the regime," she said. "A UNO win, however, would lead to U.S. aid for economic development and an end to the war."

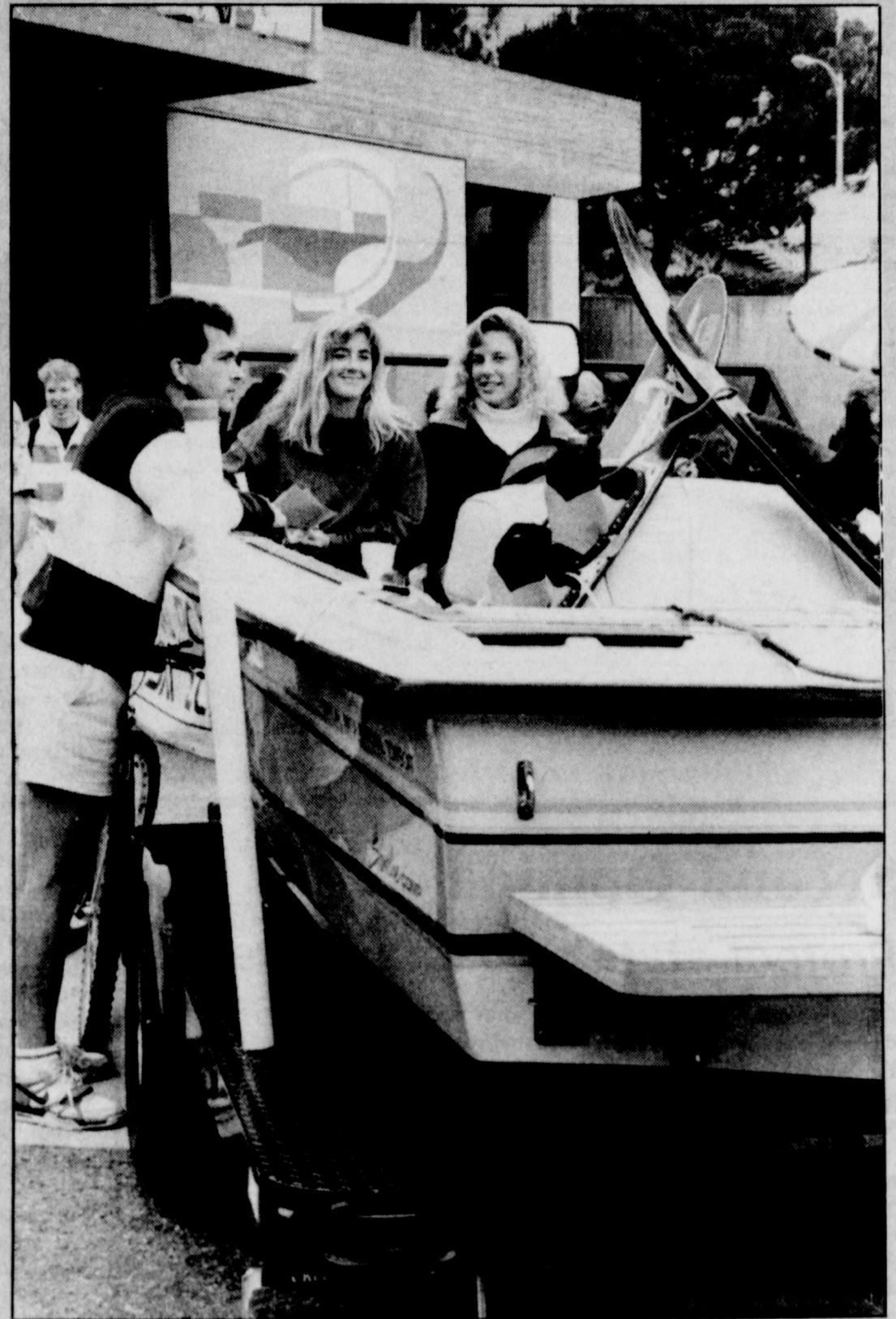
Foroohar said her trip through the country revealed that most of the people's sympathies still lie with the Sandinista government, which came to power in 1979 after overthrowing the repressive Somoza regime. In one city she witnessed a crowd of 50,000 UNO supporters while blocks away a Sandinista rally drew 400,000. She discounted intimidation by the Nicaraguan government as "impossible because there were so many international observers."

"It was obvious — Nicaragua is Sandinista," she said. "Nicaraguans believe  
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Manzar Foroohar

## U.U. 'skiing



DAVE COYKENDALL/Mustang Daily

Students Regan Williams and Gina Nobel hang out at a water ski club display in the U.U. on Thursday. The display was part of Liberal Arts week.

## ASI discusses IFC membership requirements

### Board also speaks against restricting upper-level classes

By Jason Foster  
Staff Writer

The ASI Board of Directors Wednesday night discussed two resolutions, the first outlining procedures for fraternities petitioning acceptance from ASI, and the other recommending that class status not be a factor in

registration.

Resolution 90-01, sponsored by Brett Berridge, the director from the School of Agriculture, and written by Terry Alberstein of ASI Greek Relations, calls for fraternities to do three things before petitioning for acceptance from the ASI Codes and Bylaws Committee.

Fraternities would be required to obtain a copy of the current Interfraternity Council (IFC) Expansion Policy. They then would have to "meet and consult" with both the coordinator

of greek activities and the IFC president. All three parties then would sign an affidavit stating that the petitioning fraternity has read and understands the provisions of the IFC Expansion Policy.

In recent years, Cal Poly's fraternity system — 15 fraternities of which are members of IFC, nine of which are not — has seen unprecedented growth. This growth has created some bitter feelings between houses already in IFC and houses petitioning for approval. It has also brought

fraternities and their activities under closer scrutiny by the community.

Proponents for the resolution say this bill will ease those troubles.

"There is tension between IFC houses and petitioning groups," Alberstein said to the board. "We want to inform petitioning fraternities of the political environment, the codes, the bylaws, and if they conference with these people, it's a good way of informing them what they have to do and what is expected from

IFC and the community."

"This format will take away those tensions."

"It's a positive step for the new fraternities to know what's going on and to take constructive measures before they get into IFC," said Director Tom Hall.

The current resolution is a rewrite of the defeated Bill 89-04, which was criticized last year on the basis that it could exclude new groups from getting into IFC.

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### Active participation...

Columnist Terry Lightfoot comments on the criminal justice system: Officials can only do so much without the people's help.

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### Thou shalt not haze...

The national president of Theta Chi fraternity spoke to Greeks about problems surrounding hazing, and what to do about them.

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### In the money...

A local chemical company donates \$25,000 to Poly's chemistry department. Find out what it's for.



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## Opinion

### From the Editors' Circular File



## Victims must aid legal system

By Terry Lightfoot

There is a cloud over the criminal justice system these days that leads some people to doubt the effectiveness of the system. Politicians and private citizens alike deplore the dismal state of the country's law enforcement and court systems.

Outrage over a defendant being acquitted, dismay over unsafe streets and anger at the blatant disregard for the law that some elements of our society hold are not easy for law-abiding citizens to swallow.

There has been talk of victims' rights. The Supreme Court last year softened the stance on the Miranda ruling deciding that not reading an arrested person his rights to the very letter is not sole grounds for dismissal of a case. Victims should have retribution, whether they receive money or witness conviction of the perpetrator.

But what is the victim's responsibility? Police officers admit that unless a witness to a crime is willing to come forward, the chances of catching the culprit are slim to none. Victims deserve compensation for any ill will done to them, but if they refuse to come forward, then who is to blame? Law enforcement agencies and the courts need the cooperation of citizens in order to make the streets safe again and to take back the night.

The American citizen seems to think that he or she deserves something for nothing. Victims want defendants prosecuted, sometimes without their help. This makes the police officers' and the courts' jobs difficult — if not impossible.

In the McMartin case, the public expressed outrage and indignation that the defendants were acquitted. The response may have been expected considering the emotional nature of the case.

But there was nothing so appalling as to see alleged victims, who had refused to testify, beat a path to the talk show trail. The victims provided much fodder for Oprah, Phil and Geraldo. They spoke with disgust and horror at the jury's deci-

sion. Where were these people during the past five years?

Probably at home hoping the testimony of others would provide them with the outcome they wanted. Not that the guests on the talk shows didn't have the right to express their points of view. But after refusing to testify, their stories seem at best questionable and at least lacking in credibility.

The public should be aware that criminals become more arrogant as they realize a large number of crimes go unreported or witnesses are reluctant to come forward. The criminal justice system will only work if all the parts are in sync. That means, without witnesses, most crimes will go unpunished.

Granted, there are some crimes in which the reality of having to relive the incident makes the victims' reluctance understandable.

Rape is one of those crimes. Victims are asked to retell their story over and over again. They expect to be badgered by the defense attorney or not to be believed by the police.

It is a difficult crime to prosecute. But many rapists rely on the victim's unwillingness to testify as a shield. Most rapes are not witnessed by a third party, so without the victim, there is no case.

Talk of taking back the streets from drug dealers, murderers and thieves cannot be done without the help of individual citizens. It was pleasing to see that a Cal Poly woman who was attacked by a man was aided by her neighbors. Those same neighbors could have looked the other way just as easily.

We owe it to ourselves to pay the price for a safe community. The overwhelmed police departments can't do it alone. Granted, the price isn't small, but neither is that of most things worth having.

Terry Lightfoot is managing editor for Mustang Daily.

## Second Opinion

### Protect state's coastal waters

It is unthinkable, of course, that there will be any derricks drilling for oil in Monterey Bay. President Reagan realized this. He signed a bill designating the coastal waters, unique both for their beauty and their rich fisheries, as a permanent marine sanctuary.

But the bill by Representative Leon Panetta, D-Carmel Valley, was intended as only part of the vital process. The measure required the federal government to issue specific regulations by the end of last year to protect the bay from such activities as drilling for oil and gas, undersea strip mining and the dumping of toxic wastes.

Until those protections are in place, not only will the fisheries be in danger, but so will the area's billion-dollar tourist industry. What is especially disturbing are signs that some Interior and Energy department officials favor softening the promised protection for California's fragile coastal environment.

As Larry Liebert, the Chronicle's Washington bureau chief, has reported, the administration has been unwilling to release the results of a year-long study by a distinguished panel on the effects of offshore drilling. A spokesman for the Interior Department said the panel's findings may be suppressed indefinitely.

President Bush has been provided with an excellent opportunity to breathe life into his pledge to be the environmental president.

— Excerpted from San Francisco Chronicle, Feb. 28.

## Letters to the Editor

### Protest decision on discrimination

**Editor** — This week the Supreme Court ruled that the military's policy of discriminating against homosexuals will be allowed to continue.

The court did not feel that homosexuality fell under the equal protection portion of the Constitution.

This is an outrage to let discrimination based on sexual preference continue in this country.

Why should a person be discriminated against based on who that person chooses to love?

Love is basic to all people, just as the expression of that love is basic to all people.

To say that love is only OK in

a relationship when it is directed at a member of the opposite gender and not OK when it is expressed for a person of the same gender is wrong.

It is terribly unfortunate that the Supreme Court could not find it within the law to protect discrimination based on sexual preference the same way it has regarding race, gender and religion.

Those who also feel the Supreme Court's ruling was wrong should write their elected representatives and voice their concerns about the discrimination based on sexual preference ruling.

Don't let the struggle for equal protection under the law end with this ruling.

**Jan E. Perez**  
Environmental Biology

### Bartender thanks owner of local bar

**Editor** — In response to the Feb. 28 article about D.K.'s, I would like to say as a local bartender, I thank Paul Ramsay.

The real issue at hand is that many people go to bars and feel it is their right to get free water, ice, use of all facilities, use of hired staff and to enjoy the entertainment. Granted, there may be a cover charge, but that hardly covers Ramsay's expenses.

It is not a right, but a privilege. The fact so many people abuse this privilege is what has led to the cutting back of free water. If you are a designated driver, you should be commended. But if you are not

going to purchase what a shop is selling, whether it's alcohol or a soda, don't go there.

**Curtis Roe**  
Accounting

### Poly needs ethnic studies emphasis

**Editor** — I commend *Mustang Daily's* excellent coverage of the Liberal Arts Week in the Feb. 26 issue. The students at Cal Poly should be encouraged to see a study of liberal arts as an enriching experience.

Your story might also have included mention of some of the innovative courses being developed in the School of Liberal Arts, such as the two sections of the English 380 — Ethnic Literature course the

English department will offer in the spring quarter and again summer quarter.

The course surveys the most complex and vibrant literature being written in America today, that of Native Americans, blacks, Chicanos, Asian Americans and Jewish Americans.

Members of the small group of ethnic faculty here at Cal Poly hope this Ethnic Literature course, and the few other courses focusing on minorities, will help demonstrate Poly's need for an ethnic studies department.

This proposed department will be most directly related to the liberal arts school, evidence again of the stimulating dynamism students encounter in liberal arts at Poly.

**Luis Torres**  
English professor



# Hazing in the greek system

## President of Theta Chi says any is too much

By Larre M. Sterling  
Staff Writer

Cal Poly's greek community attended the second in a series of three mandatory educational speeches planned and sponsored by the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic.

Dave Westoll, past prosecuting attorney and present national president of Theta Chi fraternity, spoke to more than 1,000 greek members about hazing Wednesday night in Chumash Auditorium.

"Hazing is the dark side of the sorority and fraternity world," said Westoll. "Any hazing, even a little bit, is far too much."

Westoll established a hypothetical situation by turning the audience into the president of a college fraternity. Westoll told the story of a pledge who died as a result of being hazed by his fraternity's president during hell week.

Westoll gave amazing examples of hazing events throughout his story. Later he revealed that all of the examples he had given, except the pledge's death, were true events that he had experienced during his own hell week.

Westoll challenged many of the concepts and beliefs that many greek organizations consider to be true.

"Pledge class unity is a ridiculous concept. You put 18, 19 people together and they will naturally assimilate," said Westoll. "If a group tells me they're trying to instill pledge class unity — I know there's hazing."

"And how did we arrive at the conclusion that a person's character is determined by how much he can drink?"

Westoll's primary point was to make the audience think about

the uselessness of hazing and the often sad repercussions that can be the results of hazing.

"I think it was good for Cal Poly to hear about hazing," said Sigma Kappa member Lora Deily. "Because it is such a minor happening here compared to the big back-East schools, we often forget the seriousness of hazing."

The speech, "Hazing on Trial," is one of several topics being addressed by the greek educational programming. The educational

programming is an attempt to inform the greek community on topics pertaining to attitudes and stereotypes. Spring quarter's speaker will talk about racism and sexism.

"I believe that hazing applies to any campus organization that has an initiation as part of its activities," said Walt Lambert, coordinator of student life and activities. "We thought we'd start by educating the greek community."

## Lambert says organizations should police themselves

There is a dark side of the greek community that is whispered about but never openly revealed — hazing.

Twenty-seven college students have died in the past 14 years as a result of hazing, according to Dave Westoll, Theta Chi national president.

One of the bigger questions under debate is, who has jurisdiction over hazing? If a fraternity or sorority is discovered to be hazing at Cal Poly, who handles the situation and what are the repercussions?

Hazel Scott, vice president for student affairs, said Cal Poly has a policy against all hazing and will act swiftly when hazing is revealed.

"It's a liability issue, as well as a moral and ethical issue, and we at Cal Poly will not tolerate it," said Scott.

Walt Lambert, coordinator for

greek affairs for Student Life, said hazing is usually handled from within the individual fraternity or sorority. It is each chapter's responsibility to follow its national organization's guidelines regarding hazing and to abide by the law.

State law dictates that any physical or mental harm, aggravation or assault is illegal.

"I'm sure that hazing is going on," said Lambert. "I don't think the magnitude is that great. The grapevine is large, and everything eventually gets back to me."

Lambert does not police each sorority and fraternity for hazing. He instead waits for reports to come back to him. Cal Poly's greek system is too small for a large hazing situation to happen and for the Greek Affairs office

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## Chemistry department gets grant

*\$25,000 will go to buy equipment for molecular analysis*

By Brandon K. Engle  
Staff Writer

Cal Poly's chemistry department became \$25,000 richer Wednesday with a donation from a local chemical company.

Robert E. Kelm, chairman of the board of JBL Scientific Inc., and President Lauren R. Brown presented the check to the chemistry department.

The money will go toward the purchase of a \$250,000 device

allowing the structure of molecules to be analyzed without destroying them.

The device, called a Fourier Transform Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectrometer (FT-MNR), uses magnets to create a magnetic field to look inside molecules. It uses the same technology as medical diagnostic imaging. It's similar to an X-ray machine without the radiation.

"It's totally non-harmful," said chemistry professor Dane R. Jones.

"This is the most expensive instrument ever purchased (for the chemistry department) by Cal Poly," said Jones of the \$250,000 device.

He said the department has worked hard to raise the money. JBL Scientific's donation will be combined with money allocated for Cal Poly from the state lottery. The department also has applied for money from the National Science Foundation.

"Other departments of the schools of science and math were very generous in agreeing to forgo their portion of the lottery money," Jones said.

The FT-MNR, about the size of two desks, is very sensitive and will be housed in a special room in the chemistry department. It will be used in teaching labs and

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# Sports Calendar

Friday, March 2

- Men's Basketball** vs. UC Riverside — The Mustangs open the CCAA tournament as the third-seeded team and will face a Riverside squad they have already defeated twice this season. The game will begin at 6 p.m. in Bakersfield.
- Baseball** at Cal Poly Pomona — The defending Division II national champs will travel south for a game against the Broncos, which will begin at 2:30 p.m.
- Men's Tennis** at CSU Northridge — The second-ranked men's tennis team will travel south for a CCAA match-up with the Matadors. The match begins at 1:30 p.m.
- Women's Tennis** at CSU Los Angeles — The top-ranked team in the nation according to the Volvo Tennis/Collegiate Rankings will take a 1-0 CCAA mark into this weekend's match against the Golden Eagles. The match begins at 1:30 p.m.
- Men's Volleyball** at Menlo College — The match begins at 7:30 in Menlo Park.

Saturday, March 3

- Men's Basketball** — If the Mustangs defeat UC Riverside on Friday night, they will face the winner of the CSU Bakersfield-CSU Los Angeles semifinal on Saturday night. The championship game will begin at 8 p.m. in Bakersfield.
- Women's Basketball** — The final of the CCAA women's tournament will be played at 6 p.m., just before the men's final, on Saturday. The semifinal matchups on Thursday night in Pomona were the Mustangs against CSU Northridge, and Chapman College vs. Cal Poly Pomona.

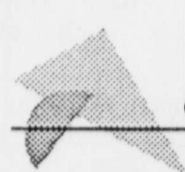
- Baseball** at Cal Poly Pomona — The game begins at 2:30 p.m.
- Track** — The men's and women's track and field squads will be in Bakersfield for a quadrangular meet against CSU Bakersfield, Cal Poly Pomona and UC Riverside. The men's squad also will send some athletes to a meet at UCLA against the Bruins and CSU Los Angeles, while some of the women athletes will travel to the Aztec Invitational at San Diego State.
- Men's Tennis** at Chapman College — The matches will begin at 1 p.m. at Chapman.
- Women's Tennis** at CSU Los Angeles — The matches begin at 10 a.m. in Los Angeles.
- Gymnastics** vs. Boise State and Sacramento State — Cal Poly will host a gymnastic meet for the second weekend in a row. The meet begins at 7:30 p.m. in Mott Gym.
- Men's Gymnastics** — The men will also host Sacramento State on Saturday.
- Cycling** — The Cal Poly Wheelmen will be in Santa Barbara for a road race, team time trial and criterium.
- Lacrosse** vs. UOP — The game will begin at noon in Mustang Stadium.
- Sailing** — The sailing team will be at Stanford for two races.

Sunday, March 4

- Lacrosse** vs. Chico State — The lacrosse club will host Chico State at 11 a.m. The game will be played in Mustang Stadium.
- Crew** — The crew team will host its second regatta in as many weeks this Sunday. UC San Diego will be in town for the regatta, which will begin at 8 a.m. in Morro Bay.

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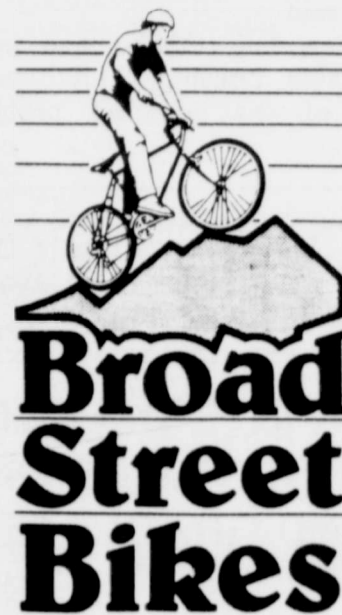


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# Local homeless problem discussed ASI

## Speaker says more affordable housing in SLO would help

By Heather Dowling  
Staff Writer

The manager of the Economic Opportunity Commission's homeless shelter told the audience at Cal Poly's forum on homelessness Wednesday that she looks forward to this weekend's move to a new site.

"Our clients need to be in the city of San Luis Obispo because our clients are residents of San Luis Obispo," said manager Gwen Guyre.

The trailers — offering night-time shelter to 54 people — will move from their present Kansas Avenue site to Orcutt Road. Cal Poly's American Institute of Architecture Students are sched-

uled to move cots this weekend from the Kansas Avenue site to a temporary location at Camp San Luis until the Orcutt Road site is ready.

EOC's program offers the homeless two meals a day and up to 90 days of shelter. EOC, the city and the county contribute about \$100,000 each to the shelter.

Guyre has been working in a variety of human services in San Luis Obispo since 1980.

Guyre said the program has been in transition for quite some time. The first shelter was run on a school bus. It moved to a county-owned barrack and from there to a primitive location with no heater and a cookfire to prepare meals.

"It is a pretty rude memory," Guyre said.

If San Luis Obispo had more affordable housing, Guyre said, some of the homeless problem

could be cleared away.

She also said that some of the homeless have jobs, but only make minimum wage and have difficulty paying rent.

Guyre said that many people in the shelter were middle-class working people before becoming homeless.

"My objective would be to have you appreciate the fact the people in the shelter are people pretty much like you and I," Guyre said. "This could happen to you."

Melvin Butler, a local of San Luis Obispo, is staying at the shelter. Butler, a Vietnam veteran, said he is unable to get a job because of learning disabilities.

"I served my country and I turned around and my country forgot me," he said.

Guyre estimated that there are

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"Before, the bill said the group had to get more discretionary signatures — if these people didn't sign the affidavit, they wouldn't get in," said Hall, a member of Sigma Nu fraternity. "Revised, it doesn't hold them back. It's an informational thing, a guideline to make it easier for them to get into IFC."

Alberstein agreed.

"I hope this revision will appease the critics so it can serve this necessary function," said Alberstein.

Resolution 90-06, sponsored by John Butler, chairman of the ASI Academic Commission, is in response to an Academic Senate resolution passed earlier this quarter that recommended class standing be a factor in registration for 300- and 400-level classes.

Essentially, the senate's resolution would allow only students with junior standing into 300-

level classes and those with senior status into 400-level classes.

ASI's resolution states that class standing should not "be a factor in determining what level of class a student can register for."

"This resolution will tell President Baker that class standing should not be a factor and that having prerequisites of approval of instructor should be the basis of getting into class," Butler said.

Butler said the resolution is still being revised in response to minor criticisms from other board members.

The board is scheduled to vote on both resolution 90-01 and 90-06 Wednesday.

## CHEMISTRY

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should be installed this summer for use by fall quarter 1990.

Cal Poly's chemistry department has been pushing to get an FT-MNR for eight years.

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JBL Scientific was formed in 1973 and provides chemicals to the medical industry for use in various lab tests. JBL has hired many Cal Poly students and provides support to the chemistry department.

## HAZING

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to not hear of it, said Lambert.

If a specific hazing event by a greek organization is reported, the situation is referred to both the dean's office and the Student Life office. From there, Scott said, the organization faces judiciary proceedings in either the Interfraternity Council or Panhellenic.

"I let hazing reports go to the Interfraternity Council because they have a disciplinary process," said Scott. "We only get involved if the magnitude is great and the frequency is high."

Penalties for hazing vary depending upon magnitude and frequency. Repercussions start as minor as having greek week participation privileges removed and can become as harsh as revocation of the chapter's charter on the Cal Poly campus.

In past years, fraternities have had their social privileges curtailed, wet rush privileges removed and have been assigned to do escort service alone for a quarter.

There is, however, an appeals process. If the organization is unhappy with the decision made by IFC or Panhellenic, it can talk to the dean's office. Typically, though, the dean is far harder on the organization than IFC or Panhellenic.

"I think that hazing is on the decline right now," said Liz Wolski, president of Panhellenic. "A lot of sororities have reworked their pledge programs to treat the pledges more like actives. There is a lot less public display of pledging."

"Ultimately, stopping hazing will have to come from within each individual sorority and fraternity."

Lambert said he thought a national trend toward removing pledge programs may decrease hazing.

"Although I don't think that hazing is that great at Cal Poly, we simply cannot tolerate it happening."

— Larre Sterling

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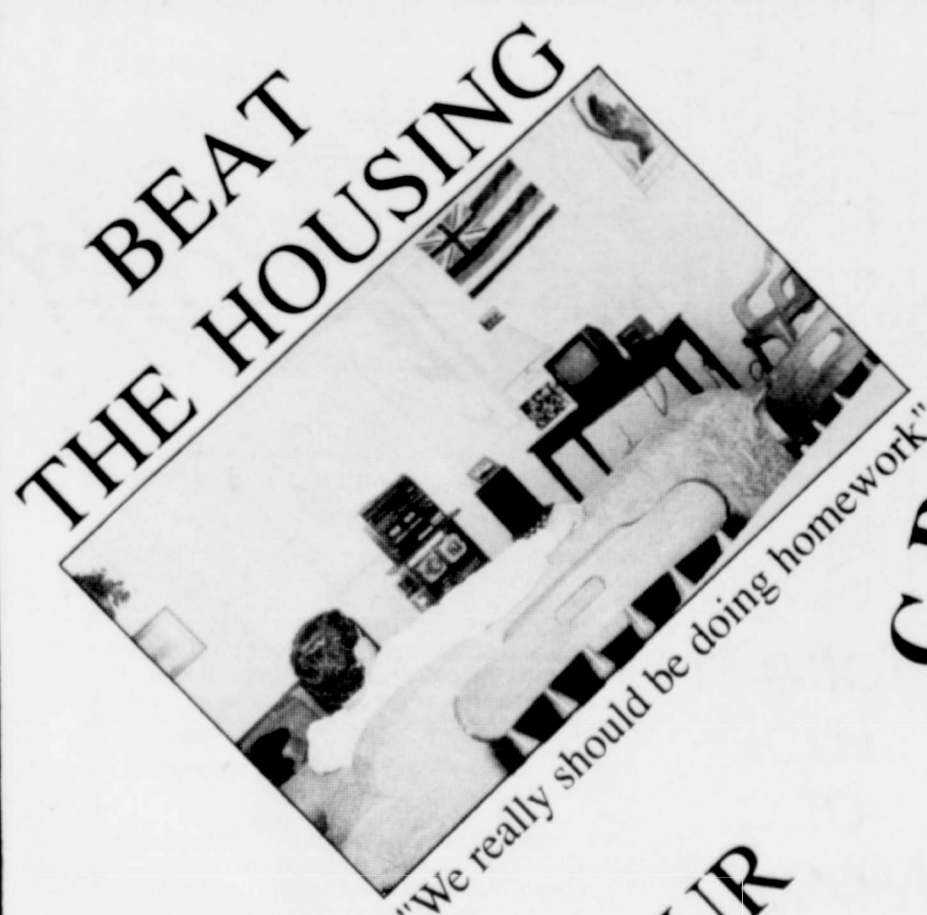
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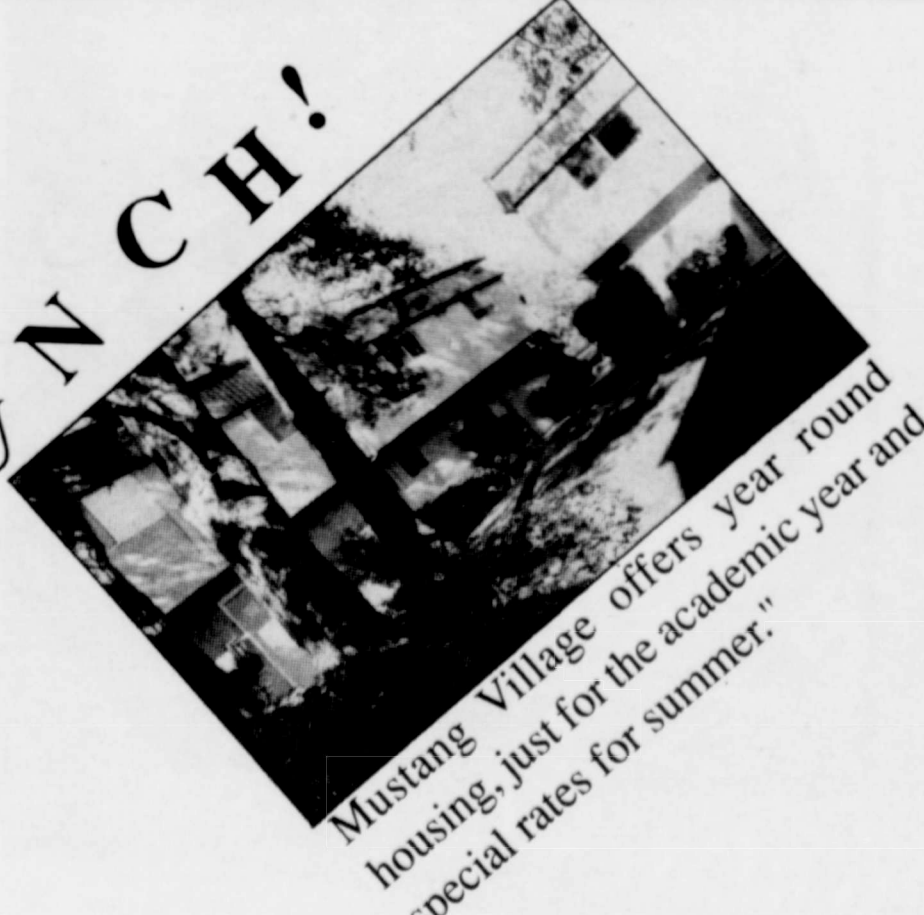
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# 1990 census critical to minorities, speaker says

By Cyndi Smith  
Staff Writer

Latinos want to be part of America's solutions and not its problems, the president and general counsel for the Mexican American Legal Defense Fund told Cal Poly students and teachers Thursday.

She explained how the upcoming census can help minorities and explained how her legal firm is working to educate the public about prejudice.

According to the New York

Times, 500,000 illegal aliens, or 8 percent of the population, live in the United States.

"Most of this population is concentrated in nine states, and California has the largest minority population of any other state," she said.

Hernandez said this year's census is critical to minorities because it determines how money is allocated by the government.

Hernandez graduated from UCLA law school in 1974 and has worked as a staff attorney for the Los Angeles Center for

Law and Justice, directing attorney for the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles and staff counsel for the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

She joined the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) in 1981 and has worked as associate counsel, employment program director, executive vice president, deputy general counsel and, finally, president and general counsel.

"The main purpose of MALDEF is to promote and

protect the rights of Latinos," Hernandez said. "We are the largest Hispanic law firm in the country, working to change discriminatory laws before they are even adopted."

MALDEF is presently working with the United States Justice Department and the ACLU to sue the Los Angeles County Board of supervisors for, what it says is unfairly divided boundary districts so a minority could not be elected.

"We try to educate people about these issues and change

things first," she said. "If this doesn't work, we sue. We have an excellent batting average — we don't lose."

"Economic empowerment coupled with political empowerment — that is what MALDEF is all about," she said. MALDEF receives no government funds, said Hernandez, so the \$4 million a year it takes to run the organization is raised by Hernandez and her staff.

"I beg for money — that's my job," she said jokingly.

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125 to 150 homeless in the county. Those who use the shelter meet at City Hall every night at 6 p.m. in order to be transported by bus to the trailers.

## Rooney reinstated to '60 Minutes'

Sunday's show will include comment on his suspension

NEW YORK (AP) — Humorist Andy Rooney was reinstated today on CBS' "60 Minutes." He said he'll be on Sunday's show with a commentary on the issues involved in his suspension on Feb. 8.

"I'm very pleased," said Rooney, whom CBS News president David Burke had suspended without pay after a gay magazine quoted him as saying blacks had "watered down their genes," a comment Rooney denies making. Originally, the suspension was to be for three months, but the lifting of the suspension had been widely expected in recent days.

Rooney said, "I think it was a very difficult thing" for Burke to decide to reinstate him early, praising the news division president. Burke never has specifically said why he suspended the 71-year-old commentator.

Late last year, Rooney drew fire from gay and lesbian groups for saying in a Dec. 28 CBS special that "homosexual unions" are among things that cause "self-induced" deaths.

Asked today if he was bitter about his suspension, Rooney was philosophical.

"Well, we all get the bittersweet in our lives," he said, adding that he likes a quotation attributed to ABC News anchor

Sam Donaldson: "Only the amateurs stay mad."

In a statement announcing Rooney's reinstatement, Burke did not say why he had lifted the suspension early.

Burke alluded to the controversy over his suspension of Rooney, saying he and Rooney had discussed the events that led to his suspension "as well as the debate that has ensued over the past month."

"Painful though these events have been, we have all learned a great deal about how sensitive and fragile our society is — how thoughts and words can be misunderstood, how deeply people in groups can be hurt."

## NICARAGUA

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very strongly in the social and political programs of the Frente (Front)."

The Sandinistas installed sweeping social reforms following the revolution — including free medical and health care and new agrarian policies — which confiscated property from the wealthy and granted land titles to 125,000 campesino families, said Foroohar. These policies contained disturbingly Marxist qualities in the eyes of the United States, however, and ultimately led to the U.S. policy of counterrevolution. The Contras, funded by the United States and composed of Nicaraguan's disaffected with Sandinista policies, soon began attacks on military and civilian targets in the countryside.

Since UNO's leadership is largely associated with, or sympathetic to, the Contras, Foroohar believes a disastrous conflict could develop between UNO's policies and the Sandinistas' will to survive as a formidable opposition group. While the Nicaraguans voted for an end to the war, Foroohar voiced little optimism for the development of peace in the region.

"Since UNO has no military force of its own, the only way to control the army and police is to bring in the Contra leadership and put them in charge," she said. "But the people (in the army) are not going to stand for that because this is an army that has been fighting the Contras for nine years. They are not going to accept their former enemies as their own commanders."

UNO has other problems pending its assumption of power. The coalition contains a variety

of groups ranging from Marxists to Contra supporters. Keeping itself intact as a viable opposition to the large Sandinista presence in the National Assembly is unlikely, said Foroohar, especially if they attempt to unravel the Sandinista's popular social reforms. Attempts to pursue a conservative agenda will require drastic measures by UNO.

"What I'm afraid of is that two months from now, when Nicaragua is forgotten by the (U.S.) media, there will be a massive program of elimination of Sandinista leaders," she said. "If they do that then I can see the Sandinistas go underground and begin to resist... there will be major bloodshed."

Foroohar said that U.S.-sponsored polls giving President Daniel Ortega a comfortable

voting for the Contras, and voting for the Contras is voting for the United States. Nicaraguans are nationalists."

"The situation is like being a French person during WWII (under German occupation)," added Foroohar. "Even if you were forced to vote for Hitler, you would not tell your neighbors about it."

Foroohar said the American press is unable to correctly interpret events in Nicaragua because they lack an understanding of the social and political environment that shapes Latin American thinking. In America, then, the Sandinista loss can only mean a rejection of the 11-year-old revolutionary government and a victory for the United States' policy in the region. This ethnocentric perception, however, fails to acknowl-

*(The Nicaraguan) people voted the way they wanted—secretly and without intimidation—but the burdens faced daily because of U.S. policy left the nation's inhabitants with little recourse but to vote for the opposition...*

margin of victory were wrong not because Nicaraguans were afraid to voice anti-Sandinista sentiment, as much of the U.S. media has said, but because they were ashamed to express support for UNO.

"In Nicaragua UNO is identified with the Contras and U.S. policy. Because of that UNO is a national shame," she said. "Nicaraguans wouldn't tell which way they were going to go because voting for UNO is

edge the complexity inherent in the decision-making process of the Nicaraguan people.

"Most of the (U.S.) press down there don't even know Spanish," she said. "They stay in the major hotels in the capital cities and talk to the people there. They don't take the trouble to go to the poor barrios and countryside. The erroneous picture that results is not because (U.S. reporters) are lying to us intentionally — that's the picture they really get."

## HERNANDEZ

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In addition to working for MALDEF, Hernandez is also a member of Quality Education for Minorities, California Leadership, California Tomorrow, the California Workforce Literacy Task Force, the National Commission on Testing and Public Policy and Oxfam America.

By continuing to represent minorities in legal battles, Hernandez said she hopes not to cause problems, but instead solve the problems of prejudice in our society.

"We in America say we have all this so-called cultural diversity," she said. "But in reality we are very segregated. As Latinos, we have a unique responsibility to find solutions to these problems."

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